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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the 34th meeting, held on 6 March 1957 at 1000 hours in Room 1521, Barton Hall.

Present:

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OSI - Chairman

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OSI - Secretary

1. Minutes of the 33rd meeting (7 February 1957) were approved.

2. The status of the proposed revision of the broadcasting aspects of NSC-169 is reported as the same as last month, awaiting Planning Board action. During a discussion of the requirement for a supplementary paper by the OCB to assign responsibilities for action under the proposed revision, [redacted] noted the proposed establishment of a new high-level committee on broadcast policy to give direction to such matters as the general tenor of broadcasts, the relative priority of target areas of broadcasting, and general budget questions. It is not yet decided whether this committee should be under OCB. It was agreed that no action by IOTAC is called for at the present time.

3. The RSB/SR is in receipt of a study by NSA of the [redacted] as a result of a specific request. The discussion emphasized that this was not the kind of material to which NSA would give general distribution. However, the material, when included in the files of the RSB/SR will then be available for fulfillment of other requirements.

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4. [REDACTED] pointed out that the free flow of raw material to RSB/SR from NSA is not fully effective, principally because NSA does not see much point to making the effort at present since they consider collocation of RSB/SR and NSA is highly likely. RSB/SR will shortly have a man stationed full time at Fort Meade. It was the sense of the Committee that, whatever the ultimate arrangement regarding collocation, care must be taken to preserve the basic mission of RSB/SR to serve all users, and not just NSA.

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5. [REDACTED] also noted that RSB/SR, in cooperation with EMM/ED had developed a new technique to produce the tabulations of data for broadcast evaluation by machine methods in a form for immediate use, which will free the BES from a considerable clerical burden.

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6. With respect to the analysis of the Schramm Report, [REDACTED] noted that most of the paper was concerned with program evaluation not directly of concern to IOTAC and suggested that OSI prepare the comments on technical aspects for the Committee. The discussion brought out that there were certain areas of overlap of interest between program and intelligibility evaluators in that (1) persons concerned with the program evaluation must be assured that there is technical penetration in the area, and (2) persons concerned with evaluation of technical penetration can, in general terms, derive or confirm their conclusions from indications of program impact. This is particularly the case for areas remote from regular monitoring points. [REDACTED] agreed to prepare comments for the committee on Schramm's recommendations concerning technical matters.

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7. The USCIB paper on requirements for technical monitors in Embassies was reported as having approval of all Board members except CIA, who had requested an extension until the end of March. The delay was the result of concern in DDP over the possible effect of these requirements on other plans involving the staffing patterns. In response to queries, [REDACTED] indicated that the necessary coordination of the DDP should be accomplished in the next week or ten days.

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8. [REDACTED] reported no recent progress on the plan to consolidate requirements and expand the intelligibility monitoring by Embassy non-technical personnel.

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9. [REDACTED] noted that the suggestion of [REDACTED] for a central Register of Soviet Electronics Equipment previously

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circulated to IOTAC, had been put on the agenda of the Telecommunications Working Group of the EIC. After discussion, the Committee agreed that if suitably established, the proposed register would be valuable. It was suggested that the Committee be kept informed of the results of the discussion and planning in the EIC.

10. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 3 April 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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